

Permission to carry Rice or Jowar in belt area

600. Sri P. A. PAWASHE (Uchagaon).—

Will the Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state.—

the maximum quantity of rice or jowar which a person is allowed to carry in the belt area ?

Smt. E. E. VAZ (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).—

Rice :—Under the Southern States (Regulation of Export) Order, 1964, the quantity of rice that a person can carry in belt area is as follows :—

- (1) Not exceeding 20 Kgs. in weight at one time by a *bona fide* resident of the border area for domestic consumption.
- (2) Not exceeding 1 Kg. in weight by a *bona fide* traveller, as part of his luggage.

Under the Mysore Foodgrains (Regulation of Export) Order, 1966, the quantity of jowar that a person can carry in belt area is as follows :—

- Jowar* :—(1) Not exceeding 10 Kgs. in weight at one time by a *bona fide* resident of that area for domestic consumption.
- (2) Not exceeding 1 Kg. in weight by a *bona fide* traveller as part of his luggage.

Under the Mysore Foodgrains (Regulation of Transport of Food grains) Order, 1966, the quantity of jowar/paddy that a person can carry in the belt area during the restricted period *i.e.*, between 11 O'clock in the night and 5 O'clock in the morning is as follows :—

- (1) Not exceeding one Kg. in weight in the aggregate by a *bona fide* domestic consumer ;
- (2) Not exceeding one Kg. in weight in the aggregate by a *bona fide* traveller as part of his luggage.

Sri P. A. PAWASHE.—Whether it has come to the notice of the Government that great hardship is caused to the people of belt area and harassment by police due to these restrictions ?

† Smt. E. E. VAZ.—There is no room for harassment because every precaution is taken to see that people in the belt area are provided with enough ration.

Sri N. B. SIRDesai.—Will the Government reconsider to amend the Mysore Foodgrains (Regulation of Transport of Foodgrains) Order, 1966 and allow transport of reasonable quantity of rice and jawar to the areas outside the State limit for personal consumption of the family members of the cultivator owning lands in Mysore State?

Smt. E. E. VAZ.—For those people who own lands in Mysore State and for the families residing outside, special permits are being granted.

Smuggling of Foodgrains to Maharashtra from Belgaum

601. Sri P. A. PAWASHE (Uchagaon).—

Will the Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that large quantity of foodgrains is smuggled out to the neighbouring State of Maharashtra from Belgaum District;

(b) the number of check Nakas and their location in Belgaum District on the Mysore-Maharashtra border to check the movement of foodgrains;

(c) the number of cases of smuggling of foodgrains which have been detected in these check Nakas during the last year;

(d) the total quantity of foodgrains involved in these cases, if any;

Smt. E. E. VAZ (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(a) Yes. But there has been no smuggling of foodgrains from Belgaum District to Maharashtra State, on a large scale and effective steps have been taken to prevent it.

(b) These details may be found in the enclosed Statement appended.

(c) 303 cases.

(d) 1,565 quintals and 30 Kgs. valued at Rs. 1,70,000.